

Frederick County Maryland's  
**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF DAY**

**~ October 17, 2015 : 8am until 12pm ~**

To be held at the Public Safety Training Facility  
5370 Public Safety Place, Frederick, MD 21704-6677

*Event is held rain or shine. There is NO FEE to drop off materials. This event is for Frederick County residential waste only — NO BUSINESSES.*

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:**

- Aerosol paints
- Brake Fluid
- Fluorescent & UV bulbs (compact and tube)
- Fuels (gasoline/kerosene/lighter fluid)
- Herbicides/insecticides/fungicides
- Household & automotive cleaners
- Mercury thermometers & thermostats
- Mothballs
- Photographic chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Rechargeable batteries (including NiCad, Li-ion and computer batteries)
- Stains and sealants
- Smoke, radon & carbon monoxide detectors
- Thinners and solvents

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS\*:**

- Any paints except spray paints
- Alkaline or vehicle batteries
- Biohazard waste
- Explosives, fireworks & flares
- Firearms or ammunition
- Fire extinguishers
- Fuel tanks & cylinders
- Freon and helium tanks
- Medicines
- Medical sharps
- Motor oil and antifreeze
- Radioactive materials
- Regular trash & recyclable materials
- Tires

*\* Disposal information for these items is listed on back.*

***Did you know...***

**Paints and regular alkaline household batteries are not hazardous wastes?** For information on disposal of these items, see reverse side of this page.

**CFL Light bulbs** are accepted at our hazardous waste drop off event days, but may also be taken year round to Home Depot, Lowes or The Common Market for recycling. MOM's Organic Market accepts these as well as regular tube fluorescent light bulbs.

**Rechargeable Batteries** are accepted at our hazardous waste drop off event days, but may also be taken year round to Home Depot, Lowes, Best Buy or other stores offering free recycling; visit [Call2Recycle.org](http://Call2Recycle.org) for more information and locations.

**For more information call: The Frederick County Department of Solid Waste Management at (301) 600-1848**

## --- MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED AS HAZARDOUS WASTE ---

- **Alkaline Batteries** (such as D, AA, etc.) – May be disposed of in your regular trash (mercury was eliminated in these batteries in the 1990's). Do not dispose of large amounts of alkaline batteries together in a group; used batteries are often not completely "dead." Grouping used batteries together can bring "live" batteries into contact with one another, creating safety risks.
- **Any Paint, Oil or Latex** (*except spray paints*) – Must be dried out, then may be disposed with regular trash. Drying additives are available for latex paint at home improvement stores. You may also simply add mulch, shredded newspaper or kitty litter to any paint and leave the lid off until dried. Once paint has solidified, it can be placed with your regular household trash (with approval from your trash hauler) or brought to the landfill for disposal.
- **Biohazard Materials** – Clym Environmental Services is one local vendor who may be able to assist with this waste; for more information contact them at 301-694-6000.
- **Empty Helium Tanks** – May be recycled for no charge in the scrap metal bin at the DSWM Recycling Center (9031 Reichs Ford Rd). First, open the valve to release any remaining helium. After the tank has been depressurized this way, unscrew the nozzle on the tank and remove it completely.
- **Explosives, Fireworks, Flares and Ammunition** – Contact the Office of the State Fire Marshall Bomb Squad by calling 410-859-7152, or the Frederick County Fire Marshall at 301-600-1479.
- **Firearms** – Contact the County Sheriff's Department at 301-600-1046.
- **Fire Extinguishers** – Contact Frederick Fire and Safety at 240-422-4334.
- **Fuel Tanks/Cylinders** – Look under "Gas Companies" in the yellow pages; most vendors accept large propane tanks; some vendors may accept freon, oxygen and fuel tanks other than propane. Aero Energy (301-662-4101) also accepts camping fuel canisters.
- **Medicines** are no longer collected at Household Hazardous Waste events because there are now locations in Frederick County where residents may dispose of pharmaceuticals year round. The current locations are:

<b>Emmitsburg Community Center</b> 2nd Floor, 300 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg	<b>Maryland State Police Barracks</b> 110 Airport Drive E., Frederick, MD 21701
<b>Frederick Police Department</b> 110 West Patrick Street, Frederick	<b>Brunswick Police Department</b> 20 E. A St., Brunswick, MD 21716
<b>Thurmont Police Department</b> 800 Main St., Thurmont	<b>Middletown Municipal Center</b> 31 W. Main St., Middletown, MD 21769
- **Medical Sharps** – May be placed in household trash after disinfection and securing in a puncture-proof container. For more information call 301-600-1848 or visit [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Landfill](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Landfill).
- **Thermometers** – Is it mercury? If the content of the thermometer is RED it is not mercury—it is actually alcohol and can be disposed of in the regular trash. Mercury thermometers (with a silver content) can be brought to our hazardous waste drop off days.
- **Tires** – Residents may bring up to five tires per year to the Reichs Ford Road Landfill. Tires the size of 33" or less will be charged the prevailing tipping fee rate.
- **Vehicle Batteries, Motor Oil & Antifreeze** – May be recycled for no charge, year round, at 9031 Reichs Ford Road, Monday-Saturday, 7am-4:30pm. Enter via the "Recycling Road" entrance.

**If you need to dispose of hazardous material in between the County-sponsored events, you may contact companies such as Clean Venture (410-368-9170) or Clean Harbors (410-244-8200).**